

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing an image display apparatus, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a depressurized airtight container, wherein said airtight container comprises a rear plate having a plurality of electron-emitting devices, a face plate opposing the rear plate and having a phosphor and an electroconductive film and a plurality of plate-shaped spacers between the rear plate and the face plate; and

applying an electric field between the rear plate and the face plate while the depressurized airtight container is ~~slanted~~ arranged so that a longitudinal direction of the plate-shaped spacers is not perpendicular to a gravitational direction.

2. (Previously Presented) A method of manufacturing an image display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the electric field is lower than an electric field applied between the rear plate and the face plate when driving the image display apparatus.

3. (Previously Presented) A method of manufacturing an image display apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the electric field is 1/10 to 1/2 of an electric field applied between the rear plate and the face plate when driving the image display apparatus.